

HQ-9

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Date 12-9-60  
Division

TO: Colonel Garrison  
FROM: Martha Chudej  
SUBJECT: J. W. Reese

J. W. Reese - Age 30 years, 7 months, as of January 23, 1910 enlisted as a Private, Company B, under the command of Captain Tom M. Ross on January 23, 1910.

In March, 1910, he was promoted to Sergeant, Company B. He served with the Rangers until July 18, 1910. His station both as a Private and a Sergeant was Ysleta.

Enclosed two Special Ranger Enlistments. I don't know if you want to use these or not as it appears that Mr. Reese was a Police Inspector in El Paso at the same time that he was commissioned as a Special Ranger.



May 22nd, 1919

Mr. J. V. Reese,  
Police Inspector,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th. inst., regarding your warrant as a Special Ranger.

There is no reason why I do not want you to have this warrant; in fact I have nothing to do in the matter except to carry out the orders of the Adjutant General. There were some 900 Special Ranger warrants outstanding the first of the year, and the fact was causing so much unfavorable comment that General Herley decided to cancel all of them except those held by regular paid Inspectors of the Cattle Raisers Association. Those who failed to reply to his notice to return their warrants, yourself among the number, were written special letters calling their attention to the fact. There was nothing personal in the matter at all.

Yours truly,

R. W. Aldrich,  
Captain Texas Rangers,  
Quartermaster.

May 10th, 1919.

Mr. John W. Reese,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

When all outstanding Special Ranger Warrants were cancelled last January you were notified to send in your warrant, but as far we have had no response to our notice. Please forward us your warrant promptly, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Aldrich,  
Captain Texas Rangers,  
Quartermaster.

El Paso, Texas. May 19th, 1919.

Mr. R. W. Aldrich, QM,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours under date May 10th, beg to say that I advised you of having lost my commission as a ranger, and when in Austin last Feb'y, with Mr. T. B. Cunningham and Mr. R. W. Braham, I was sworn in as a special ranger. <sup>commission</sup>

Ofcourse a special ranger is a great deal of help to me in my present police work-enables me to go beyond city limits in cases where it is necessary in order to work on bootlegging and prostitution which we are trying to put a stop to in this locality.

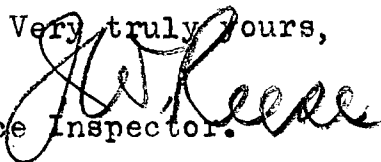
During the past several months while you had a ranger company stationed at Ysleta, I frequently was called upon by the captain for assistance and always responded willingly.

I never abused my authority as an officer-I never drink anything-was never drunk in my life and have never had to use force to perfect an arrest-I always get by with it by trying to use proper judgement.

If there is any reason you do not want me to hold a special ranger commission, you only have to so state and my commission as such officer is yours.

Very truly yours,

Police Inspector.



## ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company L Ranger Force, Station ysleta

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF El Paso

I, John W. Reese, born in Oakland,  
in the State of Texas, aged 38 years and 8 months, and by occupation an

Officer do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 23rd day of March, 1918, as a special private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. ~~And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such~~

~~bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ And I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17th day of January A. D. 1918,

I certify that John W. Reese, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me

previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 38 years

8 months of age. Height 5 feet 8 inches. Complexion Dark Eyes Brown

Hair Dark Born at Oakland County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas

Occupation Officer Married or single \_\_\_\_\_ Previous service \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector of Police & Ranger

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

J. H. Davis

Captain Co. L Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name *John W. Repas*

Rank *Special*

Company *L*, Ranger Force

Station *Yale*

*Relieved May 10/19 Arch. Drane*

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE.

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Ranger Force, Station \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF Brewster }

I, J. W. Reese, born in Oakland, Colorado Co.,  
in the State of Texas, aged 35 years and nine months, and by occupation a

officer do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this day of 13th  
March, 1916, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years, unless sooner

discharged by proper authority. ~~And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ And I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, A. D. 1916.

J. W. Reese  
Notary Public, El Paso Co. Tex

I certify that J. W. Reese, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me previous to his enlistment and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 35 years 9 months of age.

Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches. Complexion Dark Eyes Grey  
Hair Dark Born at Oakland County of Colorado State of Texas.

Occupation officer Married single Yes Previous service Private  
Surgeon Seven months

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

J. M. Fox  
Captain Co. B Ranger Force.

STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Special Ranger

Name

Rank

Company

, Ranger Force

Station



# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE.

Company B Ranger Force, Station Ysleta

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF El Paso

I, J. W. Reese, born in Oakland  
in the State of Texas, aged 30 years and 7 months, and by occupation a

officer do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 13  
day of July, 1910, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years, unless sooner  
discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such bounty, pay, subsistence  
and other expenses as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impar-  
tially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of the Ranger Force according to the best of  
my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further  
solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought  
a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person  
thus offending. And I furthermore swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, con-  
tributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure  
my appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of July, A. D. 1910

J. W. Reese  
James P. ...  
Cliff Court ...  
El Paso County, Texas

I certify that J. W. Reese, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me pre-  
vious to his enlistment and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and will faithfully  
perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 30 years 7  
months of age. Height 5 feet 8 inches. Complexion Blonde Eyes Grey  
Hair Blonde Born at Oakland County of Colorado State of Texas  
Occupation Officer Married or single Single Previous service None

Remarks

Tom M. Reese

Captain Co. B Ranger Force.

STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name

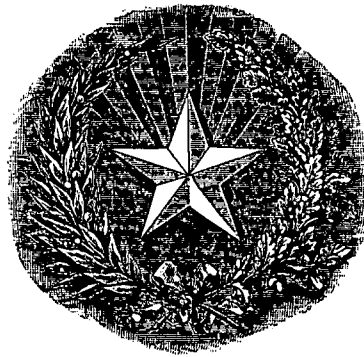
Rank

Company

Station

July 18, 1910  
(my)

The State



of Texas,

### Adjutant General's Office Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List.

This is to Certify, That the bearer J. K. Ross  
 is a Private in Company B Ranger Force, State of  
 Texas, and this is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 27th  
 Legislature of the State of Texas, Approved March 29th, 1901, and Descriptive List  
 for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to act as a Ranger when  
 called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company Com-  
 mander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List  
 is signed by the Adjutant General under Seal of office and attested by Company  
 Commander.

Name J. K. Ross Rank Private  
 Age 30 Where born Oakland, Texas  
 Height 5-8 inches Occupation Officer  
 Hair Brown Enlisted Where White, Texas  
 Eyes Blue Enlisted When July 23rd 1910  
 Complexion Blonde Enlisted by Whom Gen. M. Ross, Capt.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 23rd  
 day of July, 1910.

Attest: [Signature]  
 Capt. Commanding Co. B, Ranger Force.

*unsubstantiated  
 Jan 23/10  
 as ens. by command*

Purcell J W Reese

Cancelled

3/7/10

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Warrant issued  
in lieu here of for  
Sergeant J. W. Reese